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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed August 28, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

In the claims

Cancel claim 4.

Amend the claims as follows.

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-- 1. (Twice Amended) A method of treating acne conditions, which comprises:
contacting an acne problem area of a patient with a therapeutically effective amount of
one or more antimicrobial metals in a nanocrystalline form to provide a localized antimicrobial
anti-inflammatory effect,

wherein:

the one or more antimicrobial metals have sufficient atomic disorder so that the metal,
when in contact with an alcohol or water-based electrolyte, releases atoms, ions, molecules, or
clusters of the at least one antimicrobial metal into the alcohol or water-based electrolyte at a
concentration sufficient to provide a localized antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory effect; and

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